

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image capture apparatus comprising:

an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data;

a microphone unit adapted to output sound data;

an internal recording unit adapted to (a) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to ~~an instruction of starting recording~~ a record start instruction, and (b) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to ~~an instruction of stopping recording~~ a record stop instruction; and

a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data;

a control unit adapted to (a) determine whether the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, and (b) determine whether said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when said communication unit is outputting the image and sound data.

wherein if it is determined by said ~~image capture apparatus~~ control unit that the external storage device is connected to said communication unit, ~~said communication unit starts outputting~~ said control unit enables output of the image and sound data from said communication unit in response to the ~~instruction of starting recording; record start instruction~~, and

wherein if it is determined by said ~~image capture apparatus~~ control unit that the external storage device is connected to said ~~communication unit~~ and the image and sound data are being output from said ~~communication unit~~, said ~~communication unit stops outputting~~ said internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when said communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, said control unit disables output of the image and sound data from said communication unit in response to the instruction of stopping recording record stop instruction.

2. (Currently Amended) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein even if said internal recording unit ~~cannot normally becomes unable to~~ record the image and sound data on the recording medium, ~~said communication unit continues outputting~~ said control unit does not discontinue output of the image and sound data from said communication unit.

3. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

4. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image capture apparatus, wherein the image capture apparatus comprises (a) an image capture unit adapted to capture an image and output image data, (b) a microphone unit adapted to output sound data, (c) an internal recording unit adapted to (i) start recording the image and sound data on a recording medium in response to ~~an instruction of starting recording;~~ a record start instruction, and (ii) stop recording the image and sound data on the recording medium in response to ~~an instruction of stopping recording;~~ a record stop instruction, and (d) a communication unit capable of connecting with an external storage device and outputting the image and sound data, said method comprising the steps of:

a first determining step of determining whether ~~or not~~ the external storage device is connected to the communication unit;

a second determining step of determining whether the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when the communication unit is outputting the image and sound data;

if it is determined in first said determining step that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit, ~~controlling the communication unit to start outputting~~ enabling output of the image and sound data from the communication unit in response to the ~~instruction of starting recording;~~ record start instruction; and

if it is determined in said second determining step that the external storage device is connected to the communication unit and the image and sound data are being output from the communication unit, controlling the communication unit to stop outputting the internal recording unit becomes unable to record the image and sound data on the recording medium when the communication unit is outputting the image and sound data, disabling output of the image and sound data from the communication unit in response to the instruction of stopping recording record stop instruction.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a step of, even if the internal recording unit ~~cannot normally becomes unable to~~ record the image and sound data on the recording medium, ~~controlling the communication unit to continue outputting not discontinuing output of~~ the image and sound data from the communication unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the communication unit outputs the image and sound data using an isochronous transfer conformed to IEEE1394-1995 standards.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image capture apparatus is a camera-integrated digital video recorder.

9 - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) An image capture apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein the image and sound data is conformed to an MPEG2 transport stream.